



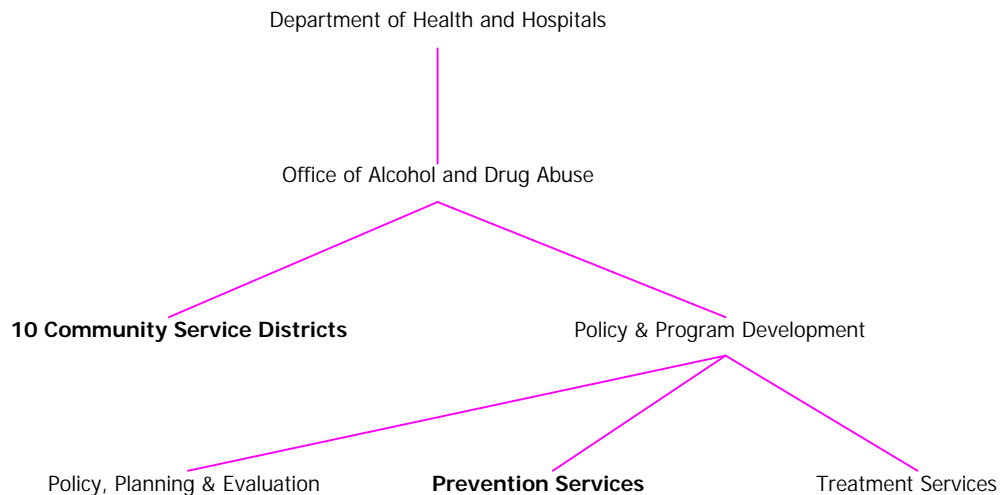
STATE PREVENTION SYSTEM

Structure and Organization

The Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (OADA), created by the State Legislature in the early 1980s, leads the State's efforts against ATOD abuse. The agency is housed within the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH). The director of OADA is an Assistant Secretary of DHH who has responsibility for all State-funded ATOD efforts. The Prevention Director, who reports to the Assistant Secretary, leads Louisiana's prevention services. OADA transfers knowledge to the community through statewide and regional prevention centers/systems, as well as community-based organizations, and funds 44 (as of late 1995) agencies to provide statewide prevention services. Additionally, Louisiana's prevention structure includes ten regional agencies (i.e., Community Service Districts) headed by an OADA Regional Administrator. Each Community Service District serves populations ranging from 450,000 to 500,000, has an advisory board representing its service area, and a Regional Prevention Clearinghouse. Prevention services are delivered to clients in each of Louisiana's 64 parishes by both State-operated and community-based private, non-profit agencies.

OADA holds responsibility for the use of Louisiana's substance abuse block grant prevention set-aside.

Organizational Chart



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FUNDING AND RESOURCES

Year (FFY)	State Funding	SAPT Funding	20% Set-aside
1993	\$89,999	\$17,581,345	\$3,253,337**
1994	0*	18,773,887	3,778,495
1995	0*	20,189,276	4,077,443

* See Endnotes.

Allocation of Funds

CSAP Strategy	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995
Information Dissemination	\$650,667	\$755,699	\$755,699
Education	1,138,668	1,322,473	1,392,337
Alternatives	553,068	642,344	742,344
Problem Identification and Referral	227,734	264,495	264,495
Environmental	195,200	226,710	226,710
Community-based Process	488,000	566,774	566,774
Other	0	0	129,084***

**Although the amount reported by the State is less than the required 20%, the issue was subsequently resolved by SAMHSA's Division of Grants Management.

*** Synar Amendment compliance.

Resource Spending	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995
Planning, Coordination, and Needs Assessment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Quality Assurance	0	0	0
Training (post-employment)	0	0	0
Education (pre-employment)	0	0	0
Program Development	0	0	0
Research and Evaluation	0	0	0
Information Systems	0	0	0

Substate entities receiving set-aside funds for prevention service delivery

- 10 community service districts
- 44 statewide agencies

Average amount of grant/contract:

- FFY 1993 - \$74,406
- FFY 1994 - \$64,317
- FFY 1995 - \$81,514

Per-capita 20% set-aside spending (population):

- FFY 1993 - \$0.90
- FFY 1994 - \$0.88
- FFY 1995 - \$0.94

Staff/Volunteers designated and supported by set-aside funding and level:

- FFY 1993 -
 - State: 3 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Regional: 28 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Local: N/A*
- FFY 1994 -
 - State: 3 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Regional: 28 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Local: N/A
- FFY 1995 -
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*N/A=Data not available from State.

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Definition of Prevention:

The State Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (OADA) – in its State Plan – has articulated a mission to develop an effective, efficient, comprehensive, and unified system of substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment services to meet the needs of its target populations.

Specifically, the State defines primary prevention as “the empowerment of individuals, families and communities to achieve and maintain maximum health through promotion of health-enhancing behaviors and the reduction of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use which contribute to incidences of illness and related problems.”

Does the State have prevention plan?

Yes, it is incorporated in OADA's State Plan.

Target populations for prevention services:

- Adults, children, and youth who have the potential for being at risk of having substance abuse problems
- Children of persons who are substance abusers
- Youth who are at risk due to behavioral or environmental circumstances

Total Number served:*

- FFY 1993 – 4,470
- FFY 1994 – 4,481
- FFY 1995 – 4,590

*State staff activities are not included as they are mostly information dissemination; the numbers displayed above are for impacted populations.

Programs funded:

Type	Number of Programs/Number Served			Programs
	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995	
In Louisiana, all programs encompass the six primary prevention strategies.	50/4,470	50/4,481	50/4,590	Louisiana Teen Institute; youth retreats; team building/peer leadership programs; employee assistance programs

DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

Results currently available on prevention programs funded by the 20% set-aside (including needs assessments and data collection):

Presently, limited funding precludes adequate and comprehensive prevention-related research. Each contractual community program must select outcomes for its programs in an effort to evaluate effectiveness.

The proximity of the contract agencies to the populations they serve allows for ready retrieval of information needed for prevention program planning. Although much of the information obtained is anecdotal, it has been used successfully to identify the emergence of new drug-use patterns, which enables program planners to initiate an early response.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Training and Technical Assistance:

Technical assistance is provided to communities and organizations on a regional basis by State ATOD prevention staff. Such service is provided on an as-requested basis.

For training, the State hosts an annual prevention and treatment conference, which all OADA-funded agencies, as well as members of the community, are invited to attend.

Certification Activities:

Louisiana utilizes an independent State Certification Board for its substance abuse prevention specialists. Two levels of certification are offered:

- Certified Prevention Specialist
- Certified Prevention Manager

The certification process is open to all persons who qualify.

Endnotes

The State was able to account for additional funds used for primary AOD prevention activities; collectively, these funds came from local governments, United Way, and fundraisers/in-kind donations. These additional State funds were as follows:

FFY 1993	\$511,801
FFY 1994	\$719,248
FFY 1995	\$879,833